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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS STORY

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1. PLEASE PREFACE YOUR REPLY TO FAHMY'S INQUIRY BY GENTLY REMINDING HIM THAT, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, HE CAN BE CERTAIN THAT STARTING WITH OUR ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHUTTLE, FERTILE IMAGINATIONS OF ISRAELI MEDIA WILL SPURT FORTH UNREMITTING BARRAGE OF WILD BUT SOMETIMES AUTHENTIC SOUND-ING STORIES ABOUT ALLEGED DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS. IF US WERE TO PAUSE TO EXPLAIN EACH OF THESE ISRAELI SPECULATIONS, THERE WOULD BE NO TIME LEFT FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE REALLY NEEDS TO IGNORE THIS KIND OF MATERIAL WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS.

2. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC ISRAELI PRESS STORY TO WHICH FAHMY REFERRED, IT IS TRUE WE HAVE HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH TWO ISRAELI TEAMS WHICH VISITED WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, ONE POLITICAL AND THE OTHER ECONOMIC. ECONOMIC TALKS DEALT
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WITH US AND ISRAELI DIFFERENCES IN OUR RESPECTIVE PROJEC-

TIONS OF ISRAELI ECONOMY OVER NEXT YEAR AND DID NOT GO INTO
SPECIFICS OF ANY US RESPONSE TO ISRAELI AID REQUESTS.
POLITICAL TALKS DEALT WITH RANGE OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO

US ROLE IN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT AND TO BILATERAL US-
ISRAELI MATTERS. WHILE THESE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE FOR-
MALIZED AT SOME POINT, NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALIZED AND NE-
GOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING. IN ANY EVENT, FAHMY MAY BE
ASSURED NOTHING WILL BE AGREED TO THAT IS CONTRARY TO OUR
UNDERSTANDINGS WITH EGYPT. KISSINGER

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